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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. In Tuesday's New York Times there was an article titled, "Somalia Threatens War Over Afars-Issas Area." The gist was that President Siad threatened that he would go to war if Ethiopia invaded the FTAI after it becomes independent next month.

2. It seems advisable to me to do a quick and dirty estimate of the probability that war will break out. I would guess that in large measure this would be governed as much by the physical military capabilities of Ethiopia as by anything else. With their involvement with Eretria and the long distance from Addis Ababa I wonder what military capability they have approximate to the FTAI? And what we estimate their capability is to bring adequate military forces in from other areas on relatively short notice.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Economic Research

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

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1. [] told me that they had worked with the [] to verify our energy study, and that they have come to the conclusion that they disagree with our results. He also said that their disagreements had been transmitted to us.

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2. When you have digested the DIA, [] and other disagreements that we have received, I would like to have a meeting to discuss this topic. I further think that because of the importance of this study we should not only scrub these disagreements and understand them thoroughly, but we should produce a paper evaluating them.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

Senator Hathaway raised in a meeting last Friday the question of the impact of the constitutional provisions about accounting to the public the expenditures of the Government. He wonders if this means if we release a budget figure it should be an expenditure figure from the Executive Branch, or whether it can be an authorization or an appropriation figure from the Legislative Branch.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. Last weekend when I attended the meeting of the Business Council in Hot Springs, I was impressed by the high level of the businessmen who attended. They traditionally invite the DCI to participate with them. I wonder if it might be desirable for me to volunteer a 30-minute rundown on world affairs, with particular emphasis on the world economic outlook as we see it for each of their meetings. They have one in May, one in October and one sometime in the winter. This would, of course, have to be unclassified.

2. It might:

- a. Provide a good service.
- b. Create a good image for the Community.

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